Review of the working of the new textile policy

975. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made about the working of the new Textile Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have been reviewing from time to time the implementation and impact of the Textile Policy announced in June, 1985. Results achieved so far in important areas of the textile industry indicate that the textile policy has given right direction to the textile industry.

Re-assessment of raid cases

976. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raid cases in which re-assessment has been completed within three years. as on the 30th June, 1986; and

(b) what is the number of such cases pending beyond three years, as on the 30th June, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Income-tax Act. 1961 prescribes time limits for completion of orders of assessment, re-assessment, re-computation of income which may extend upto the expiry of four years from the end of the assessment year in which the reassessment notice was served. Administrative instructions already exist for early completion of assessments in search and seizure cases. Central Board of Direct Taxes does not maintain detailed record regarding the date of completion of such assessments. Progress of such assessments is however effectively monitored at appropriate field levels.

India's share in world tobacco market

977. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India's share in the world tobacco market has come down from 17 per cent in 1970 to 9.2 per cent in 1984;

(b) if so, whether Government have analysed the causes of this fall; if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) India's share in world exports of unmanufactured tobacco and FCV tobacco in 1970 was 5.75% and 10.59% respectively and in 1984 was 5.76% and 9.37% respectively.

(b) The small decline in India's share in world exports is primarily attributable to growing anti-smoking campaigns in the Western World affecting their import requirements.

(c) The following steps *inter-alia* have been taken to improve India's share in world exports of Tobacco:—

(1) abolition of export duty on unmanufactured tobacco;

(2) inclusion of unmanufactured tobacco in the Select List of Export Products under Appendix 16 of the Import & Export Policy;

(3) Maintaining the Minimum Export Price (MEP) for all types of tobacco of 1986 crop at the 1985 level; and

(4) participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad.

Employees in registered factories in Delhi

978. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state·

(a) the number of employees as on March, 1985 in the registered factories in Delhi Metropolitan area; and

(b) how many of them are covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) As reported by Delhi Administration, there were 1.74 lakh employees working in the registered factories in Delhi Metropolitan area as on 31-3-1985.

(b) Separate statistics regarding the number of factory workers covered under the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 are not available. However, according to the available information, the number of workers belonging to the establishments in Delhi to which the EPF & MP Act is applicable was 5.81 lakhs as on 31-3-1985.

Augmentation of food storage capacity in FCI godowns

979. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state·

(a) what is the total capacity of food storage godowns owned by the Food Corporation of India as on 31st January, 1986;

(b) whether Food Corporation of India has recently received World Bank loan to augment its storage capacity; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this loan has been fully utilised; if so, what is the extra storage capacity created thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA)· (a) As on 31-1-1986, the covered storage capacity owned by the Food Corporation of India was 102.01 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) Under an agreement signed by the Government of India with the International Development Association (IDA) in January, 1978, the IDA agreed to provide a credit of US $ 107 million for construction of storage capacity by the Food Corporation of India. The credit came to a close recently on 31-12-1985. The amount disbursed under the credit so far is US $ 104.54 million. The storage capacity completed with this assistance is estimated at 30.29 lakh tonnes.

The Food Corporation of India has not received any other loan from the World Bank recently for construction of storage capacity.